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SUBJECT: GREENLAND'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE EEC

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1. GREENLANDERS HAVE BEEN UNHAPPY WITH THEIR RELATIONSHIP, VIA DENMARK, WITH THE EEC PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE OF THE APPLICATION OF EC CONTROLS ON FISHING IN GREENLAND WATERS.

2. ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT SCHEDULE, GREENLAND WILL BE GIVEN HOME RULE ON MAY 1, 1979, FOLLOWING A REFERENDUM IN GREENLAND (EXPECTED TO FAVOR HOME RULE) IN THE SUMMER OF 1978 AND ACTION BY THE DANISH PARLIAMENT. THEREAFTER, THE NEWLY CONSTITUTED GOVERNING BODY OF GREENLAND WILL DECIDE ON THE RELATIONSHIP GREENLAND WILL HAVE WITH THE EEC EITHER BY ANOTHER REFERENDUM OR ON ITS OWN. UNDOUBTEDLY A DEMAND FOR A SPECIAL FISHING REGULATION TO THE ADVANTAGE OF GREENLANDERS WILL BE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN REACHING THIS DECISION.

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3. ACCORDING TO A DANISH OFFICIAL (LEMICHE, MINISTRY OF GREENLAND), ICNAF 1976 PROVISIONAL FIGURES MAY NOT REPEAT NOT BE CONSIDERED DEFINITIVE. FINAL FIGURES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE END OF THE WEEK. WE ARE ASSURED, HOWEVER, THAT 1976 QUOTA OF 1191 TONS WILL NOT BE EXCEEDED.

4. IN 1977 SALMON CATCH BEGAN AUGUST 1. SO-CALLED
FREE QUOTA OF 900 TONS ESTABLISHED BY MINISTRY OF
GREENLAND WAS EXHAUSTED BY SEPTEMBER 2. THE REMAIN-
ING 291 TONS WILL BE RESERVED TO THE LOCAL COASTAL
(SMALL BOAT) FISHERY. FINAL FIGURES ON 1977 WILL
NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR.

5. COMMENT: THE DANISH PRIME MINISTER AND THE
GREENLAND MINISTER HAVE PUBLICLY STATED THAT THE
GREENLANDERS MAY DECIDE ON THEIR OWN RELATIONSHIP
TO THEEEEC AFTER HOME RULE BECOMES EFFECTIVE IN
MAY 1979. MANY LEADING GREENLANDERS PERCEIVE
ADVANTAGES IN A CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP IN THE EEC
BUT HERE IS ALSO STRONG OPPOSITION. THE GREEN-
LANDERS' ABILITY TO NEGOTIATE A PRIVILEGED POSITION
FOR THEMSELVES IN THE GREENLAND FISHERY WILL BE AN
IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THEIR DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT
TO REMAIN ASSOCIATED WITH THE EEC.
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